

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) A motor vehicle body having a support structure made of large-size partial modules comprising:

a roof module having front and rear roof columns,

a basic module onto which the roof module is placed which is approximately level with a side wall edge of the body,

respectively assigned cross members via which the front and rear roof columns of the roof module are connected to one another, and

a supporting plate of a rear parcel shelf which is stiffened by at least one of the cross members via which the rear roof columns are connected to one another,

wherein the basic module comprises a support arrangement which extends in a transverse direction of the vehicle and is closed by the supporting plate to form a supporting frame, and

wherein the support arrangement has supports which run in a vertical direction of the vehicle and are connected to each other via a further cross member extending level with a vehicle floor.

10. (New) The body as claimed in claim 9, wherein the supporting plate is bounded at front and rear ends by a respective one of the cross members.

11. (New) The body as claimed in claim 9, wherein the supports of the support arrangement are arranged on insides of rear wheel houses.

12. (New) The body as claimed in claim 9, wherein the supports of the support arrangement are connected directly to a front cross member of the supporting plate.

13. (New) The body as claimed in claim 9, wherein the supporting plate is arranged at lower ends of the rear roof columns between upper side wall sections of the roof module.

14. (New) The body as claimed in claim 9, wherein the roof module ends along a vertical separating plane directly behind the supporting plate, and wherein a rear module adjoins the roof module.